

**Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019**

SENATE BILL NO. 2113  
(Human Services Committee)  
(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-10.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to authorized electronic monitoring of facility residents; to amend and reenact sections 12.1-31-14 and 50-10.2-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to authorized electronic monitoring of facility residents and privacy; and to provide a penalty.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 12.1-31-14 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**12.1-31-14. Surreptitious intrusion or interference with privacy.**

1. An individual is guilty of a class B misdemeanor if, with intent to intrude upon or interfere with the privacy of another, the individual:
  - a. Enters upon another's property and surreptitiously gazes, stares, or peeps into a house or place of dwelling of another; or
  - b. Enters upon another's property and surreptitiously installs or uses any device for observing, photographing, recording, amplifying, or broadcasting sounds or events from a house or place of dwelling of another.
2. An individual is guilty of a class B misdemeanor if, with intent to intrude upon or interfere with the privacy of an occupant, the individual:
  - a. Surreptitiously gazes, stares, or peeps into a tanning booth, a sleeping room in a hotel, or other place where a reasonable individual would have an expectation of privacy; or
  - b. Surreptitiously installs or uses any device for observing, photographing, recording, amplifying, or broadcasting sounds or events from a tanning booth, a sleeping room in a hotel, or other place where a reasonable individual would have an expectation of privacy.
3. In a prosecution under this section, it is an affirmative defense that an individual was acting pursuant to section 3 of this Act.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-10.2-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**50-10.2-01. Definitions.**

In this chapter, unless the context or subject matter otherwise requires:

1. "Authorized electronic monitoring" means the placement and use of an authorized electronic monitoring device, by a resident or resident representative, in the resident's room.
2. "Authorized electronic monitoring device" means video surveillance cameras, monitoring devices, web-based cameras, video phones, or audio recording or transmitting devices, or a combination of these devices, installed in the room of a resident which are designed to acquire, transmit, broadcast, interact, or record video, communications, or other sounds occurring in the room. The term does not include still cameras or devices used for the purpose

of the resident having contact with another person but not for the purpose of electronically monitoring a resident.

3. "Conflict of interest" means any type of ownership in a facility or membership on the governing body of a facility by a provider of goods or services to that facility or by a member of that ~~person's~~individual's immediate family.
- 2-4. "Department" means the department of human services.
- 3-5. "Facility" means a skilled nursing care facility, basic care facility, assisted living facility, or swing-bed hospital approved to furnish long-term care services.
- 4-6. "Immediate family" means husband, wife, father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepchild, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, or grandchild.
- 5-7. "Remodeling" means any alteration in structure, refurbishing, or repair that would:
  - a. Prevent the facility staff from providing customary and required care; or
  - b. Seriously endanger or inconvenience any resident with noise, dust, fumes, inoperative equipment, or the presence of remodeling workers.
- 6-8. "Resident" means ~~a person~~an individual residing in a facility.
9. "Resident representative" means a person authorized to act as a resident's agent under power of attorney for health care or guardianship.

**SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 50-10.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Authorized electronic monitoring - Penalty.**

1. A facility shall permit a resident or the resident representative to conduct authorized electronic monitoring of the resident's room through an authorized electronic monitoring device if:
  - a. The authorized electronic monitoring device is placed in the resident's room;
  - b. The electronic monitoring device is placed in a fixed, stationary position; monitors only the area occupied by the resident and not the area occupied by the resident's roommate; and protects the privacy and dignity of the resident;
  - c. The facility is given written notice of the placement and use which must include an installation plan in compliance with the facility's standards and regulations the facility provides to the resident;
  - d. A video tape or recording created using an authorized electronic monitoring device records the date and time;
  - e. All costs, except for electricity, associated with the authorized electronic monitoring device, including installation, operation, removal, repairs, room damage, and maintenance, are paid by the resident or resident representative who initiated the use of the authorized electronic monitoring device; and
  - f. A signed authorization for the disclosure of protected health information, as defined by title 45, Code of Federal Regulations, part 160, section 103, compliant with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 [Pub. L. 104-191; 110 Stat. 1936; 29 U.S.C. 1181 et seq.] and consenting to the use of the device is given by each

resident occupying the same room, or by that resident's resident representative in accordance with subsection 4.

2. A facility that uses an authorized electronic monitoring device in compliance with this chapter is not guilty of a crime or civilly liable under this code for a violation of a resident's privacy.
3. The facility shall cooperate to accommodate the placement of the authorized electronic monitoring device, unless doing so would place undue burden on the facility.
4. Before placing and using the authorized electronic monitoring device, a resident or resident representative shall obtain the signed authorization of any other resident residing in the room in accordance with subsection 1. The authorization may be signed by that resident's resident representative.
  - a. The resident's or the resident representative's authorization may limit the use of an authorized electronic monitoring device to only audio monitoring or only video monitoring and may limit the device's time of operation, direction, and focus.
  - b. At any time, a resident or resident representative who did not request the authorized electronic monitoring device in the resident's room may withdraw, in writing, the signed authorization for the use of the device. The resident who requested the device or the resident's resident representative is responsible for having the device disabled in compliance with the facility's standards and regulations after receipt of the written withdrawal.
5. The facility shall make a reasonable attempt to accommodate a resident if a resident or resident representative of a resident who is residing in a shared room wants to have an authorized electronic monitoring device placed in the room and another resident living in the same shared room refuses to authorize the use of the authorized electronic monitoring device.
6. If authorized electronic monitoring is being conducted in the room of a resident, and another resident will be moved into the room, the resident who requested the device or the resident's resident representative is responsible for having the existing authorized electronic monitoring device disabled in compliance with the facility's standards and regulations unless the new resident or the resident's resident representative authorizes the device pursuant to subsections 1 and 4.
7. A facility may not refuse to admit an individual and may not remove a resident from a facility because of authorized electronic monitoring of a resident's room. A person may not intentionally retaliate or discriminate against a resident for authorization of authorized electronic monitoring.
8. A facility clearly and conspicuously shall post a sign where authorized electronic monitoring is being conducted to alert and inform visitors.
9. A facility or staff of the facility may not access any video or audio recording created through an authorized electronic monitoring device placed in a resident's room without the written consent of the resident or resident representative or court order.
10. A person that intentionally hampers, obstructs, tampers with, or destroys a recording or an authorized electronic monitoring device placed in a resident's room, without the express written consent of the resident or resident representative, is subject to a class B misdemeanor. A person that places an electronic monitoring device in the room of a resident or which uses or discloses a tape or other recording made by the device may be guilty of a crime or civilly liable for any unlawful violation of the privacy rights of another. In any civil proceeding, administrative proceeding, or survey process, material obtained through the use of an authorized electronic monitoring device may not be used if a person intentionally hampered, obstructed, or tampered with the material without the express written consent of the resident

or resident representative, or if the material was obtained through the operation of an electronic monitoring device which was not compliant with this section.

11. A person may not intercept a communication or disclose or use an intercepted communication of an authorized electronic monitoring device placed in a resident's room, without the express written consent of the resident or the resident representative.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2113.

Senate Vote:    Yeas 47            Nays 0            Absent 0

House Vote:    Yeas 51            Nays 39           Absent 4

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Secretary of the Senate

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Secretary of State